

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

## ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2004

Mr. FRIST. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Friday, January 23. I further ask consent that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

## THANKING THE PAGES

Mr. REID. Reserving the right to object, Madam President, we have had a very difficult year that has just been completed. The majority leader and those of us who have the honor of serving in the Senate have our names appear in print, we are on television, and people see and know what we do. But the one reason for our success is these wonderful pages. I have served now going on 22 years in the Congress, and they are just part of our lives. We take them for granted. They do the most menial things but which are so meaningful to us.

For example, a lot of times I have meetings in Senator DASCHLE's office. My office is up on the third floor. These pages have taken my briefcase upstairs 50 times. They bring us water. They make sure the people at the desk have the right amendment. They do so many things that make us look good, and they get no honor or glory for doing this.

These pages are juniors in high school. They are going to graduate. The reason I mention this is that they are graduating in the morning and we likely, Mr. Leader, will never see these young people again. Some of them we will, maybe.

But over the years, as I have indicated, I have developed such a great affection for these wonderful young men and women. They sit on different sides of the rostrum: Democrats here, Republicans here. But to us they are just wonderful young people, and they are representative of what our country is all about.

We are here doing the Nation's business and these young people represent the future. I want each of these young people to know, even though they get none of the glory, how essential they are to the running of this institution.

I know the leader joins me, and I know he will be a speaker in the morning at their graduation.

There are just a few people there. Here there are people watching. I want them to know all over the country that

this is a long tradition of the Congress to have these young people helping us. We could not make it without them.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. FRIST. Madam President, I would like to reinforce what the assistant Democratic leader just said in that the operation of this body is dependent on the boys and girls who are here with us. We don't have that opportunity very often to publicly say thank you. It is important to do that. I will have the opportunity tomorrow to briefly thank them and their parents and family members who will be here.

I will simply add to what the assistant leader has said: It is a lot of hard work being a page. We are here a lot of hours in the day. Tonight is a reasonable time to get out, 6:20. We start early in the morning at 9:30. That is hard work. On top of that, they are going to school. So they are putting in hours every day and at the same time carrying a heavy workload in high school. At the same time they are here and working, they realize later tonight they will be doing homework, class work. It is pretty remarkable that they are here all day allowing us to carry on the Nation's business and facilitating that and helping in ways that, if they were not here, this would not be possible, or it would take longer and be a lot less efficient, and at the same time they are committing the time and the energy and hard work to education, which is a big subject on the floor all the time as we work.

It leads me to say thank you. We all have tremendous respect for you. It has been a hard 5 months. We know that. We thank you for that. The curriculum itself is fascinating here because at the same time they are learning from great teachers through the Senate in terms of formal education, they are picking up what makes this great democracy the shining light that it is for the world.

Mr. REID. No objection.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Tomorrow morning the Senate will be in a period of morning business. We will not have rollcall votes during tomorrow's session. Members who wish to speak to the pending bill, the pension bill, are encouraged to do so. We want to continue to make progress on that important bill, and we do ask that they come to the floor to continue that debate tomorrow.

We will resume consideration of that legislation on Monday to allow Members to offer their amendments. However, it is my intent to stack votes on those amendments on Tuesday. Therefore, to clarify statements made earlier today, we will have no rollcall votes on Monday. Again, I encourage Senators to be available for the consideration of their amendments on that day, continuing the progress on this bill.

It is our intention to finish the legislation Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

## ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. Madam President, if the assistant Democratic leader has no further comment and if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:20 p.m., adjourned until Friday, January 23, 2004, at 9:30 a.m.

## NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate January 22, 2004:

## EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DAVID SAFAVIAN, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR FOR FEDERAL PROCUREMENT POLICY, VICE ANGELA STYLES.

## IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203(A):

*To be captain*

LARRY L. JONES, 0000

## IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be colonel*

VINCENT T. JONES, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be colonel*

RICHARD H. VILLA, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be colonel*

ROBERT J. BERNARD, 0000  
WILLIAM A. BLANCHETTE, 0000  
DEBORA K. ESQUE, 0000  
ALLEN F. GILBAR, 0000  
JAMES T. PATTERSON, 0000  
ROBERT A. SOUSA, 0000  
OBA L. VINCENT, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be colonel*

HARRIS H. BROOKS, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be colonel*

PAULA C. GOULD, 0000  
RICHARD W. KLEPERIS, 0000  
CALVIN R. LOTT JR., 0000  
MARK A. SCHULER, 0000  
ROBERT R. SINGLETON, 0000  
GERT J. P. VISSER, 0000  
JOHN J. WINKOPP III, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be colonel*

JEFFREY S. ALDERFER, 0000  
KEITH AMBURGEY, 0000  
NORMAN C. ANDERSON, 0000  
JERRY W. ANGUS, 0000  
JEFFREY C. ARMSTRONG, 0000  
ROBERT S. ARTHUR, 0000  
LYNN A. ASPEGREN, 0000  
AUDREY A. BAHLER, 0000  
WILLIAM E. BAIRD JR., 0000  
JEFFREY K. BARNSON, 0000  
HAL K. BIRD, 0000  
CHARLES F. BOIVIN II, 0000  
ALAN J. BOYKIN, 0000  
MARGARET A. BRADLEY, 0000